

*In .4. lls (9.)*  
**The Boke of  
Knowledge:**

**Whether a sycke person  
beynge in peryll  
shall lyue, or  
dye. &c.**





**D**ocras most connynge of all Phylsycions, commaunded that the Analogy of all his woꝝkes of phelycke, shulde be layde in his Sepulture vnder his heed, whiche was so done. And where as the Emperour of Rome commynge by his Tombe sawe it rythely brought, supposed that great treasure was hydde in it. For the people in those dayes bled moche to hyde theyꝝ money in tombes. And when it was openyd he founde the layde Analogy, there vnder his heed, in whiche all his woꝝkes were, he toke it awaye and shewed it to no man, but to Anadestus a Phylsycion. And in it they founde medycynes moste holsome for diseases of mannes body, And fyrste of al was specyfyed þe tokens, which sheweth, that doth Monostyke whether a sycke persone beyng in peryll, shall dye or lyue. &c. ¶

**T**he fyfte token of deth.

**I**f a man haue swelling in his face,  
or payne in his heed wlt hout coboghe/  
and putteth his lefte hande ofte vpon  
his breste, and is besye in clawynge of  
his nosetrylles, betoken deth.

**A**lso an experyment to proue  
lyfe or death.

**B**ut his spettryll vpon burnynge co-  
lys, and yf it syncke he shall dye, and yf  
not he shall lyue.

**A**nother experyment  
of the same.

**C**ause the sycke person to spytte in a  
bessell of water, and yf it go to the bot-  
tome, he shall lyue, and yf it swymme a  
boue he shall dye.

**A**lso the fourth token.

**I**f a man sweete moche in any maner  
disease, it is good, yf he dyspayre not.

**A**nother and the fyfte.

**I**f the sycke tourne hym ofte to the  
wall, it is an euyl sygne.

**A**nother and the syxte.

A.ij.

If

**I**f the pacient haue thyn noſetrylles  
oꝛ the tippe of his noſe ſharpe, oꝛ a ſhar  
pe loke, and holowe temples, hanging  
lyppes, and colde eares, and tourneth  
his heed where his fete were, it ſygnify  
fieth ſoone deth. \* 4 \*

**A**nother and the ſeuenth.

**I**f the pacient put his handes ofte  
to his heed, & drawe his fete bp to hym  
betoken that he ſhall eſcape.

**A**lſo other tokens of deth, whi  
che the connyng phyſycion Ga  
lyen ſet foꝛth as foloweth.

**H**e ſayth þ theſe are tokens of death  
whan the foꝛehed is red, the browes ha  
geth downe. The leſte eye is laſſe and  
wateryth. The y tpype of the noſe why  
te, the chyne falleth, the fete coleth and  
the bely decayeth, is ſygnis of deth.

**A**lſo the nynty experyment  
to knowe lyfe oꝛ deth.

**T**ake the pacient's bryne and a wo  
man mylke, that noꝛyſſeth a man chil  
de, and medle them togyther, & yf they

go in to one, he shall lyue, and yf they  
departe he shall dye.

**C**f or to knowe whether ye shall  
dye within. xij. monthes or not.

**&** Lette a droppe of your blode falle in  
to a dysche of water. And yf it descende  
hole in to y<sup>e</sup> bottombe, he shall lyue that  
yeare, and yf not, but go abrode not.

**A**lso another maner.

**C**f ye rubbe also wel the forhed of the  
sycke with a tablet, or other suche of  
copper fro the one eare to the other, &  
yf he slepe after, he shall lyue, or els not.

**&** Also of the Charpe ague an expe-  
ryment ofte prouyd.

**T**ake a curtely of the pacyentys blode  
and bryne and medle it with the mylke  
of a woman that nozysmeth a man chil-  
de, and yf they myx together, he shall ly-  
ue or els he shall not.

**&** Also another and the leuynt.

**C**f a frantyeke man haue harde swell-  
lyngel without disgestion, he shall dye  
the. iij. daye.

A. iij.

Also

¶ Also another and the twelfe.

¶ He that vomiteth blode, and haue swellynge in any lymme, as toghte as a trumpet lyke a egypcian beane, shall dye the .xl. daye after.

¶ Also another & the .xiiij.

¶ If the eyes be holowe, and y<sup>e</sup> mouth open whan he slepeth, and yf he be not accustomed so, and yf his lefte eye water he shall dye the thyrde daye.

¶ Another and the .xiiij.

¶ If the pacient bydde the physicion farewell, or stretche forth his fete, and caste his handes bpon his bely, he shall dye the thyrde daye.

¶ Another and the .xv.

¶ If the pacient bydde the physicion farewell and put his handes to his hed and drawe bp his fete, he shall escape.

¶ Also the profe of a sycke man that can not slepe.

¶ Stampe herbane & mynte and lay it on his forehede playsterwoyse, and yf he slepe not soothe after he shall dye.

Also



20 Also another Treatise of  
Ypocras begynneth.

**W**ho that falleth sycke the fyrst day  
of the Moneth, it is to be feryd of  
hym the seconde daye, the whiche yf he  
escape, he shall escape tyll the. xxx. daye  
And yf he fall sycke the seconde daye, it  
is to feare of hym the. x. daye, and yf he  
escape that he shall be longe sycke, not-  
withstandynge he shall escape.  
And yf he fall sycke the thyrde daye, he  
shall be deliuered without doubte.  
And yf he fall sycke the fourth daye, he  
shall be sore in payne tyll the. viij. daye  
and then shall very well escape.  
And yf he fall sycke fyfth daye, he shall  
be sore sycke, yet he shall escape.  
And yf he falle sycke the syxte daye, he  
shall seme to be hole, yet he shall dye  
some daye of the next moneth.  
And yf he fall sycke the seventh daye, he  
shall be deliuered without grefe.  
And yf he fall sycke the eyght daye, he  
shall be in metely helth tyll the tenth  
daye

daye, and then after soone shall dye.  
And yf he fall sycke the nynthe daye, he  
shallescape w<sup>th</sup> meruaylous great paine  
And he that falleth sycke the tenth day,  
he shall dye without doubte.

And he that falleth sycke the leuenth  
daye, he shall be delueryd the next day  
And yf he fall sycke the twelue daye, he  
shall dye the .xv. daye.

And yf he fall sycke the .xiiij. day, he shal  
be sore vexed tyll the .xviiij. daye, and yf  
he escape, then he shall be delueryd.

And yf he fall sycke the .xv. day he may  
escape, yf he lyue tyll the .xv. daye.

And he that taketh sykenes y<sup>e</sup> .xv. daye  
excepte he recouer within .xviiij. dayes,  
he shall dye shortly after.

And yf a man fall sycke the .xvi. daye, he  
shalbe sycke tyll y<sup>e</sup> .xxiiij. daye & escape.

And yf a man take sykenes the .xviij.  
daye, he shall dye the .x. daye.

And yf a man take sykenes the .xxiiij.  
he shall be delueryd at length.

And yf a man take sykenes y<sup>e</sup> .xix. daye  
he



he shall be deliuered at length.

**A**nd yf a person fall sycke the .xx. daye the paynent shall dye the next month.

And he that fall sycke the .xxi. daye, and he dye not the .x. after he shall be in great peryll yet he shall be deliuered the next moneth after.

**I**f a body fall sycke the .xxii. daye although he be in greuous payne tyl the .x. daye he shall not dye tyl the next mothe.

If a person take syckenes .xxiii. daye he shall be deliuered though it be in greuous payne the other month.

If a person fall sycke the .xxiiii. daye, he shall dye the next month.

If a body fall sycke the .xxv. daye albeit he shall haue some payne, yet he shall well escape that daunger.

If a body fall sycke the .xxvi. daye, yet he shall well escape.

If a person fall sycke the .xxvii. though he be at poynte of deth, he shall be deliuered the next month.

If a person fall sycke the .xxviii. daye, he

is threttyn to dye, yet he may escape.  
If a body fall sycke the. xxx. daye, yet  
he maye be deliuered the next monthe  
by lytell and lytell.

If a person fall sycke the. xxx. daye it is  
in doubtte yf he paryent shall dye or lyue.  
And also the. xxxi. daye lyke wyse.

### Explicit.

Howe to knowe whether a wound-  
yd man shall dye or lyue.

Stamppe pimpernell and dissempie  
it with water, and gyue it hym to dryn-  
ke, and yf it go out at the wounde, then  
he shall dye or els not.

Another for the same.

Gyue hym whyte Lettuse to drynke  
with water, & yf he perswrike it, he shall  
dye, yf not he shall lyue.

A Prognostication set forth, by the  
sayd Galien of the daunger of Pestilence  
shall Impostume, after the partye of  
the bodye it is in, howe bett in god is all.

Another begynneth of the spot-  
tes, called goddes markes.

¶ When

¶ Whan the Impostume is in the pa-  
cients face so paynfull, that it may not  
be tooched, and he leyth his lefte hande  
ofre vpon his brest, knowe that he shall  
dye the .xx. daye, and specially whanne  
he handleth his nosetrylles in begyn-  
nyng of his syckenes, whan great Im-  
postumes are in any of both knees, it is  
to knowe he shall not dye tyll after the  
viii. daye, and then he maye escape, and  
esspecially yf he sweete moche at the be-  
gynnyng of his knees. Whan it chaun-  
seth that yf tell whelkes cometh vpon þe  
bayne, whiche is on the nape of the nec-  
ke, and vpon as it were a maner of pow-  
der, knowe that he shall dye the .ij. daye  
of his syckenes, and esspecial token is  
yf he haue great thurle at the begyn-  
nyng of his syckenes, whan whelkes  
are vpon his tonge lyke dogges fiers,  
knowe that he shall dye the same daye,  
and the tokens is þe begynnyng of his  
syckenes, he desyeth thyngs which are  
naturall ye hote. ¶ Whan yf tell blacke  
whelkes

whelkes are upon any of his fingers &  
that are sore, knowe that he shall the  
next day after dye of that sickness, and  
a speciall token is if he be payfull  
and heavy in his body. I thanke tell to be  
te whelkes are in the thombe of the pa-  
cients lefte hande lyke browne beanes  
of colour or pale, whiche are no sore.  
Then knowe that the patient shall dye  
the .iiii. day of his sickness. Another to-  
ken is that at on the nyddell too of the  
lefte foote.

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